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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**  
**County Claims Board Recommendation**  
**Rukhsana Chaudhry v. City of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**United States District Court Case No. CV 09-01592**

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

## Board Agenda

### MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Rukhsana Chaudhry v. City of Los Angeles, et al. United States District Court Case No. CV 09-01592, in the amount of \$298,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner's budget.

This lawsuit alleges the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner unreasonably delayed in notifying next of kin regarding a death.

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

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| CASE NAME                   | Rukhsana Chaudhry v. City of Los Angeles, et al.   |
| CASE NUMBER                 | CV09-01592 FMC   |
| COURT                       | United States District Court<br>Case Number CV09-01592 FMC   |
| DATE FILED                  | March 17, 2009   |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT           | Department of Medical-Examiner-Coroner   |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT  | \$ 298,000   |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF      | Olu K. Orange<br>Mann & Cook   |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY     | Robert E. Ragland  |
| NATURE OF CASE              | Breach of a mandatory duty to make a reasonable effort to locate and notify the family of a decedent that the Coroner takes custody of pursuant to law.<br><br>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation and the substantial costs of proceeding to trial, the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner has agreed to this proposed settlement. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 416,680   |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE         | \$ 41,965  |